

SAN JACINTO RIVER WASTE PITS SUPERFUND SITE, CHANNELVIEW, TX: The San Jacinto River is undergoing major flooding now due to the recent rains. The current elevation (on April 20, 2016) at the Sheldon gauge station located about 5 miles upstream from the site is 15.39 feet. For reference, the National Weather Service considers river levels over 15 feet to be major flooding for the area. The EPA Dive Team began an underwater inspection of the temporary armored cap on April 4, 2016. Approximately 33% of the underwater area of the cap was completed. The Dive Team inspection will be completed in May following subsidence of the river. Once the inspection is complete, EPA will direct the Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) to conduct further delineation and repair the deficient areas. The placement of pore water samplers at 14 locations within the temporary cap, surface water, fish tissue, and sediment sampling will also be delayed until flooding in the San Jacinto River subsides. The PRPs completed installation of seven of the eight planned ground water monitoring wells and installed the passive ground water samplers, which will be left in place for about 2 months to reach equilibrium. The last ground water monitoring well will be installed when the site can be again accessed. Finally, deployment of the lighted buoys will begin the week of April 25, 2016, after the flood waters have receded. (Meyer, x6742)